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Key: a - asked price; b - bid price; n - nominal quotation;

The open contract figures shown in this publication are the aggregates of positions long (or short) carried on the books of clearing members.

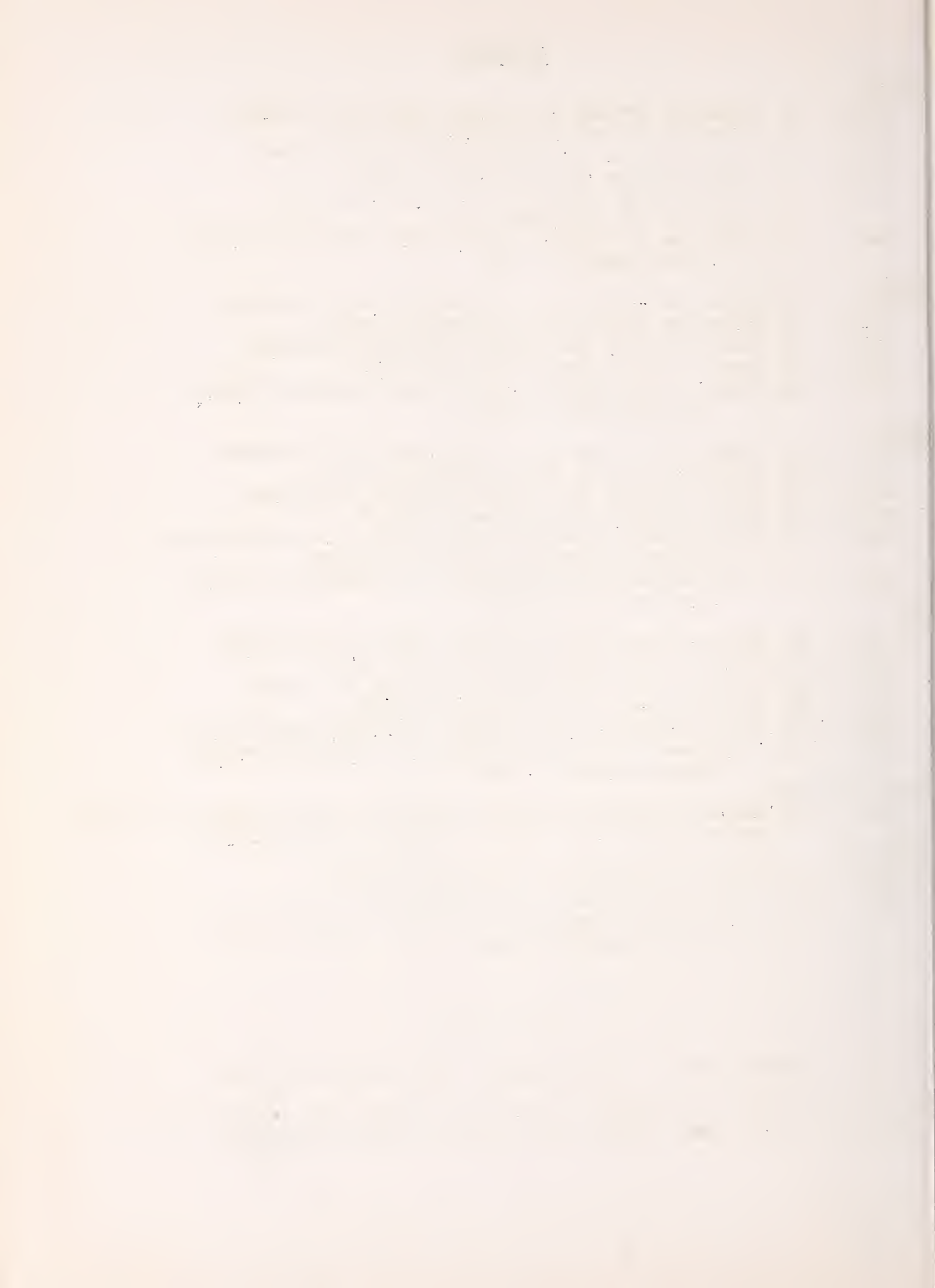




Table 1. WHEAT: Volume of trading, all futures combined, by markets  
March 1955

Date	Chicago Board of Trade	Minneapolis Grain Exchange	Kansas City Board of Trade	Other contract markets	Total
	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels
1955					
March					
1	11,558	979	849	289	13,675
2	10,581	404	1,112	304	12,401
3	15,491	638	912	483	17,524
4	13,855	596	888	391	15,730
Saturday					
Sunday					
7	23,785	700	1,285	590	26,360
8	20,068	935	966	581	22,550
9	15,296	707	899	348	17,250
10	13,793	1,139	672	286	15,890
11	18,957	1,564	757	383	21,661
Saturday					
Sunday					
14	13,864	1,122	837	329	16,152
15	11,979	794	554	357	13,684
16	8,398	746	893	259	10,296
17	12,438	873	648	374	14,333
18	13,396	687	902	309	15,294
Saturday					
Sunday					
21	14,549	1,014	1,092	314	16,969
22	12,766	820	1,181	319	15,086
23	13,977	692	887	460	16,016
24	7,561	696	488	281	9,026
25	12,980	640	543	297	14,460
Saturday					
Sunday					
28	11,041	531	1,025	266	12,863
29	9,656	591	870	326	11,443
30	14,572	655	960	425	16,612
31	12,731	648	812	305	14,496
Total					
Mar. 1955	313,292	18,171	20,032	8,276	359,771
Feb. 1955	251,884	14,948	18,494	6,199	291,525
Mar. 1954	307,618	31,351	23,999	6,125	369,093

Table 2. WHEAT: Volume of trading, Chicago Board of Trade  
March 1955

Date	Future					All futures
	March	May	July	September	December	
1955	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
March	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels
1	1,647	6,731	2,226	761	193	11,558
2	1,279	5,623	2,453	822	404	10,581
3	1,552	9,418	3,179	825	517	15,491
4	1,965	7,927	2,516	806	641	13,855
Saturday						
Sunday						
7	2,308	13,057	5,304	1,858	1,258	23,785
8	1,584	10,642	5,488	1,719	635	20,068
9	1,399	8,913	3,409	1,131	444	15,296
10	950	8,125	3,537	801	380	13,793
11	1,080	9,827	6,231	1,334	485	18,957
Saturday						
Sunday						
14	867	6,990	4,482	1,177	348	13,864
15	972	6,447	3,143	1,021	396	11,979
16	953	4,334	2,416	522	173	8,398
17	764	7,309	3,402	673	290	12,438
18	1,132	6,866	3,596	1,046	756	13,396
Saturday						
Sunday						
21	1,321	8,062	3,375	1,286	505	14,549
22	2,887	5,314	3,057	1,096	412	12,766
23	---	7,994	3,914	1,490	579	13,977
24	---	4,298	2,092	621	550	7,561
25	---	6,761	4,000	1,514	705	12,980
Saturday						
Sunday						
28	---	5,668	3,685	961	727	11,041
29	---	5,722	2,685	745	504	9,656
30	---	10,012	3,015	1,129	416	14,572
31	---	5,858	3,614	1,975	1,284	12,731
Total						
Mar. 1955	22,660	171,898	80,819	25,313	12,602	313,292
Feb. 1955	49,105	137,258	46,076	14,654	4,791	251,884
Mar. 1954	14,500	148,790	98,127	28,853	17,348	307,618



Table 3. WHEAT: Open contracts, all futures combined, by markets  
March 1955

Date	Chicago Board of Trade	Minneapolis Grain Exchange	Kansas City Board of Trade	Other contract markets	Total
	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels
1955 March					
1	56,920	7,126	9,852	436	74,334
2	56,616	7,176	9,955	443	74,190
3	57,481	7,131	9,831	436	74,879
4	57,181	7,155	9,885	449	74,670
Saturday					
Sunday					
7	57,143	7,134	9,941	447	74,665
8	57,996	7,046	9,758	425	75,225
9	58,474	7,000	9,480	437	75,391
10	58,429	7,040	9,345	449	75,263
11	58,974	6,973	9,112	455	75,514
Saturday					
Sunday					
14	59,149	6,999	9,053	484	75,685
15	59,378	7,095	9,025	507	76,005
16	59,962	7,013	9,214	511	76,700
17	59,915	6,763	9,492	520	76,690
18	60,215	6,746	9,519	540	77,020
Saturday					
Sunday					
21	59,337	6,687	9,553	541	76,118
22	57,980	6,667	9,474	523	74,644
23	59,453	6,636	9,576	561	76,226
24	60,087	6,725	9,521	531	76,864
25	60,697	6,612	9,525	518	77,352
Saturday					
Sunday					
28	62,617	6,618	9,468	535	79,238
29	63,121	6,538	9,492	503	79,654
30	62,667	6,469	9,628	555	79,319
31	63,663	6,421	9,542	573	80,199

Table 4. WHEAT: Open contracts, Chicago Board of Trade  
March 1955

Date	Future					All futures
	March	May	July	September	December	
1955	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
March	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels
1	7,879	25,183	15,314	5,748	2,796	56,920
2	7,546	25,326	14,924	5,869	2,951	56,616
3	7,563	26,075	15,157	5,782	2,904	57,481
4	7,041	25,731	15,197	6,024	3,188	57,181
Saturday						
Sunday						
7	6,315	25,591	15,267	6,211	3,759	57,143
8	5,660	26,630	15,442	6,352	3,912	57,996
9	5,242	26,979	16,028	6,330	3,895	58,474
10	4,963	26,999	16,028	6,320	4,119	58,429
11	4,700	26,941	16,596	6,434	4,303	58,974
Saturday						
Sunday						
14	4,548	27,286	16,455	6,513	4,347	59,149
15	4,037	27,425	16,906	6,571	4,439	59,378
16	3,645	27,909	17,277	6,667	4,464	59,962
17	3,468	27,982	17,213	6,643	4,609	59,915
18	3,212	27,651	17,604	6,893	4,855	60,215
Saturday						
Sunday						
21	2,673	27,661	17,399	6,979	4,625	59,337
22	895	27,540	17,808	7,132	4,605	57,980
23	605	28,582	18,411	7,120	4,735	59,453
24	20	29,264	18,726	7,189	4,888	60,087
25	20	29,598	18,663	7,467	4,949	60,697
Saturday						
Sunday						
28	20	30,531	19,342	7,584	5,140	62,617
29	---	30,723	19,557	7,549	5,292	63,121
30	---	30,353	19,327	7,659	5,328	62,667
31	---	30,106	19,498	8,153	5,906	63,663

Table 5. WHEAT: Daily closing prices, at Chicago, Minneapolis  
Kansas City and Liverpool  
March 1955

1955 May future				
Date	Chicago Board of Trade	Minneapolis Grain Exchange	Kansas City Board of Trade	Liverpool <sup>1/</sup>
	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents
1955 March				
1	213 1/8-1/4	242 3/8	225 5/8	200 n
2	213 3/8-1/2	241 3/8	225	203 3/8 n
3	214 5/8-7/8	241 3/8	223 3/4	203 3/8 n
4	213 3/8-1/2	241 1/4	223 1/2	202 1/4 n
Saturday				
Sunday				
7	208 7/8-09	240 5/8 b	221 1/4	200 7/8 n
8	210 7/8-11	241 1/2	222 5/8	200 1/4 n
9	211 7/8-12	242	223 3/8	200 1/4 n
10	214 1/8-1/4	243 3/8	225 3/8	200 5/8 n
11	216 7/8-17	243 7/8	226 5/8-3/4	201 3/8 n
Saturday				
Sunday				
14	215	242	224 5/8	201 1/2 n
15	213 7/8-14	241 1/2	224 1/2-5/8	200 3/8 n
16	214 3/4-15	242	225	199 3/4 n
17	215 1/8-1/4	242 3/8	224 7/8	199 3/4 n
18	214 5/8-7/8	242 1/4	224 5/8	191 5/8 n
Saturday				
Sunday				
21	212 3/8-1/2	241 3/4	223	191 5/8 n
22	211 5/8-3/4	242	222	191 3/8 n
23	212 1/4-1/2	243	223 3/8	190 n
24	213 1/8-1/4	243 1/2	224 1/2	191 1/8 n
25	210 7/8-11	242 5/8	224 3/4	191 n
Saturday				
Sunday				
28	212 1/8-1/4	243	227 1/4-3/8	190 3/8 n
29	213 1/4-3/8	243 1/4	227 3/8	189 7/8 n
30	214 1/2-3/4	242 3/4	226 3/4-27	189 7/8 n
31	214 3/4-7/8	242 5/8	225 7/8	189 3/4 n

<sup>1/</sup> As reported by the Chicago Board of Trade in cents per bushel  
converted from shillings and pence per cental.



Table 6. WHEAT: High, low and closing prices, three principal futures, Chicago Board of Trade, March 1955

Date	1955 March future				1955 May future				1955 July future			
	High	Low	Closing	:Cents	High	Low	Closing	:Cents	High	Low	Closing	:Cents
1955 March												
1	:218	216 1/8	216 7/8	:214 1/4	212	213 1/4	213 1/8-1/4	:203 3/4	202	201 7/8	203	203
2	:219	217	217 3/8-1/2	:214 7/8	213 1/4	213 3/8-1/2	213 3/8-1/2	:204 5/8	201	201 7/8	202 1/4	202 1/4
3	:219	216 3/8	218 7/8	:215 1/4	212 1/4	214 5/8-7/8	214 5/8-7/8	:202 1/8	200	200 1/2	201-01 1/8	201-01 1/8
4	:220	216 7/8	216 7/8-17 1/4	:215 3/8	213	213 3/8-1/2	213 3/8-1/2	:201 7/8	200	200 1/2	200 5/8-3/4	200 5/8-3/4
Saturday:												
Sunday:												
7	:217	212 3/4	213-13 1/4	:213 5/8	208 1/4	208 7/8-09	208 7/8-09	:201 1/4	196	196 1/2	197	197
8	:215 3/8	211 3/4	215	:211 1/8	207 3/8	210 7/8-11	210 7/8-11	:200 1/8	196	196 7/8	199 3/4	199 3/4
9	:218 3/4	215 3/4	216 1/4	:213 3/8	211 1/4	211 7/8-12	211 7/8-12	:201 1/8	198	198 3/4	199-99 1/8	199-99 1/8
10	:218 1/2	215 7/8	218 3/8-1/2	:214 1/4	211 1/2	214 1/8-1/4	214 1/8-1/4	:202	199	201 3/4-7/8	201 3/4-7/8	201 3/4-7/8
11	:221 1/4	219	221-21 1/4	:217	215 1/8	216 7/8-17	216 7/8-17	:204 3/4	203	204 3/8-5/8	204 3/8-5/8	204 3/8-5/8
Saturday:												
Sunday:												
14	:221	218 1/8	219 1/2-5/8	:216 1/2	213 3/4	215	215	:203 1/4	201	201 1/8	201 7/8-02	201 7/8-02
15	:219 3/8	217 1/2	217 7/8-18	:215 1/4	213 1/2	215 7/8-14	215 7/8-14	:202	200	200 3/8	200 3/4-7/8	200 3/4-7/8
16	:219 1/4	217 3/4	219-19 1/8	:215	213 3/4	214 3/4-15	214 3/4-15	:202 1/8	201	201 3/4-7/8	201 3/4-7/8	201 3/4-7/8
17	:221	218 5/8	220 1/2-7/8	:216	214 1/8	215 1/8-1/4	215 1/8-1/4	:202 3/8	200	200 1/2	200 1/2-5/8	200 1/2-5/8
18	:221 3/4	220 1/4	220 3/8-5/8	:215 1/4	213 5/8	214 5/8-7/8	214 5/8-7/8	:200 1/2	199	200-200 1/8	200-200 1/8	200-200 1/8
Saturday:												
Sunday:												
21	:219 1/2	216 1/4	218 1/2-3/4	:213	210	212 3/8-1/2	212 3/8-1/2	:198 3/4	196	196 3/4	197 3/4-7/8	197 3/4-7/8
22	:220 1/4	214 3/4	214 3/4-20	:213 3/8	211 5/8	211 5/8-3/4	211 5/8-3/4	:198 3/4	196	196 3/4	196 7/8-97 1/8	196 7/8-97 1/8
23	:---	---	---	:212 1/2	210 7/8	212 1/4-1/2	212 1/4-1/2	:199 1/8	196	196 3/4	199-99 1/8	199-99 1/8
24	:---	---	---	:213 1/2	212 3/8	213 1/8-1/4	213 1/8-1/4	:199 7/8	198	198 1/2	198 7/8-99	198 7/8-99
25	:---	---	---	:212 1/4	210 5/8	210 7/8-11	210 7/8-11	:197 5/8	196	196 1/4	196 5/8-97	196 5/8-97
Saturday:												
Sunday:												
28	:---	---	---	:212 3/4	211 1/8	212 1/8-1/4	212 1/8-1/4	:198 3/4	197	197 3/8	198-98 1/4	198-98 1/4
29	:---	---	---	:213 3/8	211 1/2	213 1/4-3/8	213 1/4-3/8	:199	197	197 3/8	198 7/8	198 7/8
30	:---	---	---	:215 1/8	212 3/8	214 1/2-3/4	214 1/2-3/4	:199 1/2	197	197 5/8	197 3/4-7/8	197 3/4-7/8
31	:---	---	---	:215 1/4	214	214 3/4-7/8	214 3/4-7/8	:198 3/4	197	197 1/4	197 7/8-98	197 7/8-98

Table 7. CORN: Volume of trading, all futures combined, by markets  
March 1955

Date	Chicago Board of Trade	Other contract markets	Total
1955 March	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels
1	10,884	79	10,963
2	10,943	50	10,993
3	10,308	110	10,418
4	11,456	143	11,599
Saturday			
Sunday			
7	15,851	174	16,025
8	15,268	88	15,356
9	10,311	67	10,378
10	10,030	62	10,092
11	10,237	57	10,294
Saturday			
Sunday			
14	8,933	33	8,966
15	8,510	40	8,550
16	8,726	56	8,782
17	6,507	30	6,537
18	8,705	99	8,804
Saturday			
Sunday			
21	8,786	50	8,836
22	7,397	35	7,432
23	6,459	29	6,488
24	7,893	34	7,927
25	5,922	24	5,946
Saturday			
Sunday			
28	7,031	56	7,087
29	6,895	74	6,969
30	6,349	63	6,412
31	8,380	78	8,458
Total			
Mar. 1955	211,781	1,531	213,312
Feb. 1955	159,931	1,376	161,307
Mar. 1954	158,866	1,067	159,933



Table 8. CORN: Volume of trading, Chicago Board of Trade  
March 1955

Date	Future					All futures
	March	May	July	September	December	
1955	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
March	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels
1	2,464	4,546	2,875	828	171	10,884
2	2,365	5,433	2,581	495	69	10,943
3	1,112	5,268	2,764	890	274	10,308
4	429	5,667	3,950	941	469	11,456
Saturday						
Sunday						
7	852	8,027	4,830	1,396	746	15,851
8	644	7,604	4,443	1,498	1,079	15,268
9	469	5,552	2,973	980	337	10,311
10	288	5,740	2,795	788	419	10,030
11	298	5,216	3,682	720	321	10,237
Saturday						
Sunday						
14	623	4,669	2,488	669	484	8,933
15	352	4,652	2,698	611	197	8,510
16	791	4,459	2,882	439	155	8,726
17	358	3,745	1,871	367	166	6,507
18	395	4,583	2,723	786	218	8,705
Saturday						
Sunday						
21	296	5,123	2,222	799	346	8,786
22	757	3,673	2,448	313	206	7,397
23	---	4,281	1,473	329	376	6,459
24	---	4,168	2,867	365	493	7,893
25	---	3,398	1,802	360	362	5,922
Saturday						
Sunday						
28	---	3,346	3,032	405	248	7,031
29	---	3,481	2,587	414	413	6,895
30	---	3,588	2,096	454	211	6,349
31	---	4,793	2,590	452	545	8,380
Total						
Mar. 1955	12,493	111,012	64,672	15,299	8,305	211,781
Feb. 1955	30,232	78,786	36,563	11,228	3,122	159,931
Mar. 1954	7,677	83,188	42,513	13,484	12,004	158,866

Table 9. CORN: Open contracts, all futures combined, by markets  
March 1955

Date	Chicago Board of Trade	Other contract markets	Total
1955	1,000	1,000	2,000
March	bushels	bushels	bushels
1	83,360	370	83,730
2	83,267	415	83,682
3	81,748	400	82,148
4	80,746	402	81,148
Saturday			
Sunday			
7	79,593	395	79,988
8	79,006	417	79,423
9	78,709	415	79,124
10	78,751	399	79,150
11	78,643	409	79,052
Saturday			
Sunday			
14	77,592	414	78,006
15	77,604	421	78,025
16	77,401	415	77,816
17	76,885	428	77,313
18	77,345	410	77,755
Saturday			
Sunday			
21	77,581	417	77,998
22	77,775	426	78,201
23	77,009	422	77,431
24	76,096	422	76,518
25	75,199	426	75,625
Saturday			
Sunday			
28	75,163	440	75,603
29	74,251	453	74,704
30	73,832	474	74,306
31	73,706	444	74,150

Table 10. CORN: Open contracts, Chicago Board of Trade  
March 1955

Date	Future					All futures
	March	May	July	September	December	
1955 March	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels
1	5,012	41,335	27,757	7,496	1,760	83,360
2	3,992	41,738	28,286	7,466	1,785	83,267
3	3,439	41,118	27,600	7,716	1,875	81,748
4	2,945	40,906	27,107	7,881	1,907	80,746
Saturday						
Sunday						
7	2,584	40,270	26,577	8,064	2,098	79,593
8	2,334	39,343	26,593	8,195	2,541	79,006
9	2,189	38,966	26,654	8,298	2,602	78,709
10	1,978	38,548	27,188	8,376	2,661	78,751
11	1,772	38,398	27,354	8,417	2,702	78,643
Saturday						
Sunday						
14	1,564	38,148	26,653	8,463	2,764	77,592
15	1,366	37,998	26,966	8,490	2,784	77,604
16	980	37,851	27,201	8,569	2,800	77,401
17	776	37,315	27,317	8,628	2,849	76,885
18	642	37,346	27,573	8,861	2,923	77,345
Saturday						
Sunday						
21	399	37,254	27,931	9,064	2,933	77,581
22	351	36,955	28,415	9,073	2,981	77,775
23	40	36,460	28,310	9,127	3,072	77,009
24	30	35,702	28,156	9,078	3,130	76,096
25	30	34,599	28,051	9,164	3,355	75,199
Saturday						
Sunday						
28		34,560	27,984	9,245	3,374	75,163
29		34,135	27,612	9,249	3,255	74,251
30		33,460	27,668	9,413	3,291	73,832
31		32,970	27,634	9,542	3,560	73,706



Table 11. CORN: High, low and closing prices, three principal futures, Chicago Board of Trade, March 1955

Date	1955 March future			1955 May future			1955 July future		
	:High	Low	Closing	:High	Low	Closing	:High	Low	Closing
1955									
March									
1	:144 3/8	143	143 1/2	:147 3/4	146 5/8	147 1/8-1/4	:150	148 3/4	149 1/4-3/8
2	:144 1/2	143	144-44 1/8	:148	147 1/4	147 1/2-5/8	:150 1/4	149 3/8	149 7/8-50
3	:143 3/4	142 1/8	142 1/4-3/8	:147 3/8	145 3/4	145 7/8-46	:149 5/8	148 1/4	148 1/4-3/8
4	:142 3/4	141	141 1/8-3/8	:146 1/4	144 5/8	144 5/8-3/4	:148 1/2	146 3/4	146 3/4-7/8
Saturday									
Sunday									
7	:141 5/8	138 1/2	138 1/2	:145 1/4	141 5/8	141 7/8-42	:147 3/8	143 7/8	143 7/8-44
8	:141	138 1/2	141	:143 7/8	141 1/8	143 1/2-5/8	:146	143 1/4	145 7/8
9	:142 3/8	141 1/4	141 1/2	:145 1/8	144	144 1/8-1/4	:147 1/2	146 1/4	146 5/8
10	:143 1/2	141 1/2	143 1/4-3/8	:145 7/8	143 7/8	145 1/2-5/8	:148 1/8	146 1/4	147 7/8
11	:144 3/8	143 1/2	144 3/8	:147 1/8	145 7/8	146 7/8-47	:149 3/4	148 3/8	149 3/8-1/2
Saturday									
Sunday									
14	:143 3/4	142 1/4	142 7/8	:146 3/4	144 3/4	145 3/8-1/2	:149	147 1/4	147 5/8-3/4
15	:144 3/8	142 3/4	143 7/8	:147	145 1/8	146 3/8-1/2	:149 3/8	147 1/2	148 3/4-7/8
16	:145 3/8	143 5/8	144 7/8-45	:148	146 1/2	147 5/8-3/4	:150 3/8	148 7/8	150-50 1/8
17	:144 1/4	143 1/2	143 7/8	:147 1/4	146 1/8	146 1/2-3/4	:149 1/2	148 1/2	149
18	:143 3/4	142 5/8	142 7/8	:146 3/8	144 7/8	145-45 1/8	:148 3/4	147	147 1/8-1/4
Saturday									
Sunday									
21	:143 3/4	141 1/2	143 3/4	:145 5/8	143 1/2	145 1/2-5/8	:147 3/4	145 1/2	147 5/8-3/4
22	:144 3/4	142 3/4	142 3/4-43 1/4	:146 3/8	145 1/8	145 1/8-1/4	:149 1/2	147 1/8	147 1/8-1/4
23	----	----	----	:146 5/8	145 1/4	146 3/8-1/2	:148 3/4	147 1/4	148 5/8-3/4
24	----	----	----	:146 7/8	145 1/2	145 7/8-46	:149 1/4	147 1/2	147 7/8-48
25	----	----	----	:146	144 7/8	144 7/8	:148 1/4	147 1/8	147 1/8-1/4
Saturday									
Sunday									
28	----	----	----	:145 7/8	144 1/2	145 3/8-1/2	:148 3/8	146 7/8	147 7/8
29	----	----	----	:146	144 5/8	145 7/8-46	:148 1/4	146 7/8	148 1/8-1/4
30	----	----	----	:146	145 1/8	145 5/8-3/4	:148 3/8	147 5/8	147 3/4-7/8
31	----	----	----	:145 1/4	143 7/8	144 5/8-3/4	:147 3/4	146 3/8	147-47 1/8





Table 12. OATS: Volume of trading, all futures combined, by markets  
March 1955

Date	Chicago Board of Trade	Minneapolis Grain Exchange	Other contract markets	Total
	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels
1955				
March				
1	1,717	103	10	1,830
2	2,321	171	---	2,492
3	2,320	116	1	2,437
4	1,552	127	5	1,684
Saturday				
Sunday				
7	4,258	271	---	4,529
8	4,574	168	26	4,768
9	2,084	189	9	2,282
10	2,052	203	47	2,302
11	3,819	163	11	3,993
Saturday				
Sunday				
14	1,961	57	5	2,023
15	1,722	136	---	1,858
16	1,282	90	---	1,372
17	1,731	52	---	1,783
18	3,454	135	11	3,600
Saturday				
Sunday				
21	2,410	99	---	2,509
22	2,742	101	1	2,844
23	1,717	77	6	1,800
24	1,180	126	---	1,306
25	1,277	82	---	1,359
Saturday				
Sunday				
28	1,553	55	19	1,627
29	2,062	134	5	2,201
30	3,502	203	2	3,707
31	1,700	156	---	1,856
Total				
Mar. 1955	52,990	3,014	158	56,162
Feb. 1955	37,902	2,815	216	40,933
Mar. 1954	64,484	2,875	181	67,540

Table 13. OATS: Volume of trading, Chicago Board of Trade  
March 1955

Date	Future					All futures
	March	May	July	September	December	
1955	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
March	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels
1	448	930	298	41		1,717
2	717	1,134	401	69		2,321
3	632	1,381	227	80		2,320
4	219	956	310	67		1,552
Saturday						
Sunday						
7	683	2,403	920	252		4,258
8	519	2,783	963	309		4,574
9	289	1,239	384	172		2,084
10	397	933	527	128	67	2,052
11	414	2,099	962	297	47	3,819
Saturday						
Sunday						
14	169	1,038	358	339	57	1,961
15	211	1,001	259	117	134	1,722
16	106	647	290	184	55	1,282
17	315	712	351	169	184	1,731
18	428	1,882	748	232	164	3,454
Saturday						
Sunday						
21	500	1,217	369	274	50	2,410
22	1,126	1,193	250	156	17	2,742
23	---	903	482	220	112	1,717
24	---	624	407	82	67	1,180
25	---	663	317	196	101	1,277
Saturday						
Sunday						
28	---	745	360	272	176	1,553
29	---	1,377	401	178	106	2,062
30	---	2,082	883	449	88	3,502
31	---	928	553	179	40	1,700
Total						
Mar. 1955	7,173	28,870	11,020	4,462	1,465	52,990
Feb. 1955	10,526	20,095	5,959	1,322	---	37,902
Mar. 1954	11,574	32,065	11,937	7,178	1,730	64,484

Table 14. OATS: Open contracts, all futures combined, by markets  
March 1955

Date	Chicago Board of Trade	Minneapolis Grain Exchange	Other contract markets	Total
	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels
1955				
March				
1	18,455	1,480	53	19,988
2	18,204	1,510	83	19,797
3	17,952	1,505	84	19,541
4	17,778	1,411	89	19,278
Saturday				
Sunday				
7	17,313	1,461	89	18,863
8	16,932	1,421	95	18,448
9	16,768	1,351	87	18,206
10	16,825	1,347	55	18,227
11	16,631	1,299	44	17,974
Saturday				
Sunday				
14	16,748	1,306	49	18,103
15	16,868	1,269	49	18,186
16	16,815	1,232	49	18,096
17	16,988	1,245	49	18,282
18	16,934	1,262	54	18,250
Saturday				
Sunday				
21	16,626	1,261	54	17,941
22	16,366	1,228	54	17,648
23	16,242	1,213	60	17,515
24	16,321	1,174	60	17,555
25	16,539	1,197	60	17,796
Saturday				
Sunday				
28	16,627	1,190	60	17,877
29	16,736	1,165	65	17,966
30	17,320	1,131	67	18,518
31	17,468	1,088	67	18,623



Table 15. OATS: Open contracts, Chicago Board of Trade  
March 1955

Date	Future					All futures
	March	May	July	September	December	
1955	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
March	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels
1	2,801	9,550	4,637	1,467		18,455
2	2,481	9,656	4,585	1,482		18,204
3	2,372	9,483	4,590	1,507		17,952
4	2,293	9,318	4,638	1,529		17,778
Saturday						
Sunday						
7	2,016	9,021	4,721	1,555		17,313
8	1,782	8,701	4,844	1,605		16,932
9	1,662	8,672	4,786	1,648		16,768
10	1,578	8,617	4,887	1,681	62	16,825
11	1,374	8,705	4,727	1,758	67	16,631
Saturday						
Sunday						
14	1,312	8,757	4,735	1,850	94	16,748
15	1,172	8,916	4,730	1,882	168	16,868
16	1,147	8,795	4,809	1,856	208	16,815
17	1,073	8,775	4,901	1,922	317	16,988
18	939	8,821	4,824	1,958	392	16,934
Saturday						
Sunday						
21	700	8,776	4,768	1,990	392	16,626
22	215	8,865	4,831	2,055	400	16,366
23	5	8,955	4,872	1,980	430	16,242
24	---	8,980	4,926	1,975	440	16,321
25	---	9,078	5,010	2,001	450	16,539
Saturday						
Sunday						
28	---	9,143	5,052	1,910	522	16,627
29	---	9,072	5,110	1,968	586	16,736
30	---	9,194	5,446	2,027	653	17,320
31	---	9,245	5,530	2,030	663	17,468

Table 16. OATS: Daily closing prices, Chicago, Minneapolis and Winnipeg; and rate of exchange, Canadian Currency  
March 1955

1955 May future				
Date	Chicago Board of Trade	Minneapolis Grain Exchange	Winnipeg Grain Exchange	Exchange Rate Canadian Currency <sup>2/</sup>
	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents
1955				
March				
1	71 1/2	67	82 5/8	100.9609
2	71 1/4	66 1/8	81 3/8	100.9843
3	70 3/4-7/8	65 5/8 a	80 1/2 b	101.3046
4	70 1/4-3/8	65 1/4	79 3/4	101.3046
Saturday				
Sunday				
7	68 1/4	64 1/4	77 1/2	101.3984
8	69 1/2	64 7/8 b	78 3/4	101.6250
9	69 7/8	65 1/4 b	79 1/4	101.8378
10	70 3/8-1/2	65 1/4	79 1/4 b	101.6992
11	71 7/8	66 5/8 a	80 b	101.7031
Saturday				
Sunday				
14	70 3/4	64 7/8	79 5/8	101.7455
15	70 1/2-5/8	65 3/8 b	78 3/8	101.7773
16	71-71 1/8	66 1/4	78 3/8	101.6191
17	70 5/8-3/4	65 3/8	78	101.5253
18	70-70 1/8	65 1/8 a	77 7/8	101.5156
Saturday				
Sunday				
21	69 3/8-1/2	65	77 3/4 b	101.5781
22	69-69 1/8	65 1/4	78 1/8	101.7343
23	69 1/8	64 7/8	78 3/8	101.7812
24	69 1/8	65 1/4 b	78 5/8	101.7812
25	69 1/8	65 1/4 a	78 1/2	101.6640
Saturday				
Sunday				
28	70 a	66	79 1/8	101.7500
29	70 1/4-3/8	66 3/8	79 1/2	101.7343
30	70 7/8-71	67 1/4 a	80 5/8	101.7343
31	70 5/8-3/4	67 1/8 b	81 3/4	101.7500

<sup>1/</sup> As reported by the Chicago Board of Trade and converted to American currency at rates shown.

<sup>2/</sup> Based on noon buying rates in New York certified for customs purposes by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.



Table 17. OATS: High, low and closing prices, three principal futures, Chicago Board of Trade, March 1955

Date	1955 March future				1955 May future				1955 July future			
	:High	Low	Closing	:High	:Cents	Low	Closing	:High	:Cents	Low	Closing	:Cents
1955												
March												
1	:73 1/4	72	73	:71 7/8	71 1/8	71 1/8	71 1/2	:68 3/4	68	68	68 3/8	
2	:73 5/8	73	73-73 1/8	:71 7/8	71	71	71 1/4	:69	68	68	68 1/4	
3	:73 1/4	71 3/4	72 3/4	:71 1/8	70 1/8	70 1/8	70 3/4-7/8	:68 1/4	67 1/4	67 1/4	67 7/8	
4	:72 7/8	72	72-72 1/8	:70 3/4	70 1/8	70 1/8	70 1/4-3/8	:67 3/4	67 1/8	67 1/8	67 1/8	
Saturday												
Sunday												
7	:72 3/8	70 1/4	70 5/8	:70 1/4	68 1/8	68 1/8	68 1/4	:67 1/8	65 1/4	65 1/4	65 5/8	
8	:72 1/2	69 7/8	72 1/2	:69 5/8	67 1/8	67 1/8	69 1/2	:67	65 1/8	65 1/8	66 7/8-67	
9	:73 1/4	72 1/4	72 7/8-73 1/8	:70	69 3/8	69 3/8	69 7/8	:67 1/8	66 3/4	66 3/4	66 7/8	
10	:73 1/2	72 3/8	73 1/2	:70 1/2	69 3/8	69 3/8	70 3/8-1/2	:67 1/4	66 1/2	66 1/2	67 1/8	
11	:75	73 1/4	75 a	:72	70 1/2	70 1/2	71 7/8	:68 3/8	67 1/4	67 1/4	68 1/4	
Saturday												
Sunday												
14	:74 7/8	73 1/4	73 5/8-3/4	:71 7/8	70 1/4	70 1/4	70 3/4	:67 7/8	66 5/8	66 5/8	67 1/8	
15	:74 3/4	73 1/2	74 5/8-3/4	:71 1/4	70 1/8	70 1/8	70 1/2-5/8	:67 1/2	66 7/8	66 7/8	67	
16	:74 3/4	74	74 1/2-5/8	:71 1/8	70 5/8	70 5/8	71-71 1/8	:67 3/8	66 3/4	66 3/4	66 7/8	
17	:74 3/4	74 1/8	74 3/4	:70 3/4	70 1/4	70 1/4	70 5/8-3/4	:66 3/4	66 1/4	66 1/4	66 3/8	
18	:74 5/8	73	73 1/2	:70 5/8	68 7/8	68 7/8	70-70 1/8	:66 3/8	65	65	66	
Saturday												
Sunday												
21	:73 1/4	71 1/2	72-72 1/4	:69 5/8	68 1/4	68 1/4	69 3/8-1/2	:65 3/4	65 1/8	65 1/8	65 3/4	
22	:73	69	69-72	:69 3/4	69	69	69-69 1/8	:66 1/8	65 1/2	65 1/2	65 5/8-3/4	
23	:---	---	---	:69 1/4	68 3/8	68 3/8	69 1/8	:66	65 1/4	65 1/4	65 3/4	
24	:---	---	---	:69 3/4	69	69	69 1/8	:66 1/2	65 5/8	65 5/8	66 a	
25	:---	---	---	:69 3/8	68 1/2	68 1/2	69 1/8	:66	65 3/8	65 3/8	65 3/8-1/2	
Saturday												
Sunday												
28	:---	---	---	:70	68 7/8	68 7/8	70 a	:66 1/2	65 1/2	65 1/2	66 3/8	
29	:---	---	---	:70 3/8	69 7/8	69 7/8	70 1/4-3/8	:66 3/4	66 3/8	66 3/8	66 5/8	
30	:---	---	---	:71 5/8	70 1/8	70 1/8	70 7/8-71	:67	66 1/4	66 1/4	66 1/4-3/8	
31	:---	---	---	:71 1/8	70 5/8	70 5/8	70 5/8-3/4	:66 3/4	66	66	66-66 1/8	

Table 18. RYE: Volume of trading, all futures combined, by markets  
March 1955

Date	: Chicago Board of Trade	: Minneapolis Grain Exchange	: Other contract markets	: Total
1955	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
March	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels
1	4,200	2	22	4,224
2	6,753	49	57	6,859
3	5,716	33	36	5,785
4	2,696	3	25	2,724
Saturday				
Sunday				
7	2,502	---	17	2,519
8	3,535	22	31	3,588
9	2,803	1	15	2,819
10	2,291	12	19	2,322
11	2,167	3	12	2,182
Saturday				
Sunday				
14	1,999	1	7	2,007
15	1,522	---	2	1,524
16	1,760	5	5	1,770
17	1,476	1	20	1,497
18	1,867	---	33	1,900
Saturday				
Sunday				
21	4,196	---	22	4,218
22	3,468	2	7	3,477
23	3,072	4	12	3,088
24	1,543	---	11	1,554
25	4,410	18	33	4,461
Saturday				
Sunday				
28	2,933	---	14	2,947
29	2,547	6	3	2,556
30	3,005	14	4	3,023
31	1,503	---	9	1,512
Total				
Mar. 1955	67,964	176	416	68,556
Feb. 1955	72,853	247	737	73,837
Mar. 1954	51,164	1,319	243	52,726

Table 19. RYE: Volume of trading, Chicago Board of Trade  
March 1955

Date	Future					All futures
	March	May	July	September	December	
1955	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
March	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels
1	1,186	2,145	674	195		4,200
2	977	3,793	1,239	744		6,753
3	718	3,269	1,236	493		5,716
4	282	1,652	552	210		2,696
Saturday						
Sunday						
7	144	1,434	634	290		2,502
8	220	2,067	952	296		3,535
9	195	1,686	701	221		2,803
10	132	1,477	446	236		2,291
11	208	1,220	563	176		2,167
Saturday						
Sunday						
14	77	1,179	578	160	5	1,999
15	95	938	378	111	---	1,522
16	48	1,119	314	204	75	1,760
17	112	850	305	119	90	1,476
18	96	978	617	171	5	1,867
Saturday						
Sunday						
21	128	2,444	1,187	357	80	4,196
22	296	1,960	826	294	92	3,468
23	---	1,706	841	389	136	3,072
24	---	798	553	153	39	1,543
25	---	2,087	1,364	667	292	4,410
Saturday						
Sunday						
28	---	987	1,023	698	225	2,933
29	---	1,231	724	465	127	2,547
30	---	1,607	727	582	89	3,005
31	---	693	477	253	80	1,503
Total						
Mar. 1955	4,914	37,320	16,911	7,484	1,335	67,964
Feb. 1955	16,440	42,057	10,729	3,627	---	72,853
Mar. 1954	4,959	26,373	13,824	5,205	803	51,164



Table 20. RYE: Open contracts, all futures combined, by markets  
March 1955

Date	Chicago Board of Trade	Minneapolis Grain Exchange	Other contract markets	Total
1955	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
March	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels
1	16,497	152	95	16,744
2	16,379	156	101	16,636
3	16,094	136	106	16,336
4	15,714	135	97	15,946
Saturday				
Sunday				
7	15,691	135	96	15,922
8	15,452	128	109	15,689
9	15,385	127	109	15,621
10	15,440	125	95	15,660
11	15,316	124	93	15,533
Saturday				
Sunday				
14	15,409	124	93	15,626
15	15,587	124	94	15,805
16	15,646	129	94	15,869
17	15,947	129	98	16,174
18	15,768	129	96	15,993
Saturday				
Sunday				
21	15,458	129	98	15,685
22	15,424	129	93	15,646
23	15,235	129	92	15,456
24	15,384	129	92	15,605
25	15,715	119	92	15,926
Saturday				
Sunday				
28	15,988	119	88	16,195
29	16,229	118	87	16,434
30	16,379	117	85	16,581
31	16,302	117	88	16,507

Table 21. RYE: Open contracts, Chicago Board of Trade  
March 1955

Date	Future					All futures
	March	May	July	September	December	
1955	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
March	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels
1	2,032	10,253	2,675	1,537		16,497
2	1,504	10,520	2,796	1,559		16,379
3	1,062	10,586	2,870	1,576		16,094
4	835	10,473	2,810	1,596		15,714
Saturday						
Sunday						
7	767	10,482	2,833	1,609		15,691
8	623	10,353	2,851	1,625		15,452
9	517	10,314	2,929	1,625		15,385
10	440	10,452	2,919	1,629		15,440
11	390	10,402	2,882	1,642		15,316
Saturday						
Sunday						
14	292	10,549	2,875	1,688	5	15,409
15	252	10,750	2,890	1,690	5	15,587
16	224	10,784	2,888	1,675	75	15,646
17	210	10,868	3,008	1,721	140	15,947
18	188	10,717	2,976	1,742	145	15,768
Saturday						
Sunday						
21	163	10,335	3,082	1,668	210	15,458
22	164	10,195	3,173	1,655	237	15,424
23	10	10,043	3,238	1,670	274	15,235
24	---	10,059	3,332	1,700	293	15,384
25	---	9,981	3,478	1,961	295	15,715
Saturday						
Sunday						
28	---	10,051	3,501	1,977	459	15,988
29	---	9,980	3,644	2,043	562	16,229
30	---	9,857	3,756	2,169	597	16,379
31	---	9,842	3,654	2,154	652	16,302



Table 22. RYE: Daily closing prices, at Chicago, Minneapolis and Winnipeg  
March 1955

Date	1955 May future			
	Chicago	Minneapolis	Winnipeg	
	Board of	Grain	Grain	
	Trade	Exchange	Exchange	1/
1955				
March	Cents	Cents	Cents	
1	110 3/4-11	125 1/2 b	111 1/2	
2	106-06 1/2	117 a	108 7/8	
3	107-07 1/4	117 3/4	109 3/8	
4	106 1/2-3/4	118 1/4 b	109 1/2 b	
Saturday				
Sunday				
7	106 1/4	117 1/2 a	107 3/4	
8	108 1/4-1/2	119 1/4 b	108 5/8	
9	108-08 1/4	120 1/2 b	108	
10	108 1/2-3/4	124	107 7/8 b	
11	109 1/4-1/2	124 1/2 b	107 3/4	
Saturday				
Sunday				
14	108-08 1/4	123 1/4 a	105 7/8	
15	107 1/4-1/2	123 a	105 3/8	
16	108	122 1/2 a	105 1/8	
17	108 1/4-1/2	123 1/2 b	106 b	
18	107-07 1/4	122 a	105 3/8	
Saturday				
Sunday				
21	105	122 n	105 1/4	
22	103 1/4-3/4	122 n	104 5/8	
23	102 1/2-3/4	120 a	103 1/8 b	
24	102 1/2	121 b	104	
25	99-99 1/4	118	102 5/8 b	
Saturday				
Sunday				
28	100 3/8-1/2	120 1/2 a	104	
29	103 3/4-04	121 b	105 5/8	
30	103 3/4-04	121 1/8 b	108	
31	103-03 1/4	121 1/8 n	108 3/8	

1/ As reported by the Chicago Board of Trade and converted to American currency at rates shown in Table 16.

Table 23. RYE: High, low and closing prices, three principal futures, Chicago Board of Trade, March 1955

Date	1955 March future				1955 May future				1955 July futures			
	:High	Low	Closing	:High	:Cents	Low	Closing	:High	:Cents	Low	Closing	:Cents
1955												
March												
1	:109 1/2	108	108	:112 1/4	110 3/4	110 3/4	110 3/4-11	:112 3/4	111	111	111 1/2-3/4	111 1/2-3/4
2	:109	103	103	:111 3/4	106	106	106-06 1/2	:112 1/4	108 1/4	108 1/4	108 1/2	108 1/2
3	:105 1/4	102	104 3/4-05	:107 7/8	104 1/2	104 1/2	107-07 1/4	:109 3/4	106 5/8	106 5/8	109-09 1/4	109-09 1/4
4	:106 3/8	103 1/2 a	104 1/4	:108 5/8	106	106	106 1/2-3/4	:110 1/4	108 1/4	108 1/4	108 3/4-09	108 3/4-09
Saturday:												
Sunday :												
7	:104 3/8	102 1/4	103 1/4-1/2	:106 3/4	104 3/4	104 3/4	106 1/4	:109	106 3/4	106 3/4	108-08 1/4	108-08 1/4
8	:106	102 3/4	105 1/2	:108 1/2	105	105	108 1/4-1/2	:110 1/2	107	107	110 1/4-1/2	110 1/4-1/2
9	:107 1/2	105 1/2	105 1/2	:110	108	108	108-08 1/4	:112 1/4	110	110	110	110
10	:106 1/2	105	105 3/4-06	:108 3/4	107 3/8	107 3/8	108 1/2-3/4	:111	109 1/2	109 1/2	111	111
11	:107 1/2	106 1/2	106 3/4	:110 1/2	109	109	109 1/4-1/2	:113	111	111	111 1/2	111 1/2
Saturday:												
Sunday :												
14	:106 1/2	105 1/4	105 7/8	:109	107	107	108-08 1/4	:111 1/4	109 1/4	109 1/4	110 1/4	110 1/4
15	:106 1/4	105 1/4	105 3/4	:108 1/2	107	107	107 1/4-1/2	:110 3/4	109	109	109 3/4	109 3/4
16	:106	104 1/4	106	:108	105 3/4	105 3/4	108	:110 1/2	109	109	110 1/4-1/2	110 1/4-1/2
17	:107	105	106	:108 3/4	107 3/8	107 3/8	108 1/4-1/2	:111	109 1/2	109 1/2	110 1/2	110 1/2
18	:105 3/4	105	105 1/4	:108 1/4	106 1/2	106 1/2	107-07 1/4	:110 1/2	108 1/2	108 1/2	109 1/2	109 1/2
Saturday:												
Sunday :												
21	:105	103 1/2	103 5/8	:106 1/4	103 1/2	103 1/2	105	:109	106 3/4	106 3/4	107 1/4-1/2	107 1/4-1/2
22	:104 1/4	101 1/4	101 1/4	:105 1/2	103 1/4	103 1/4	103 1/4-3/4	:108	106	106	106 1/4-3/4	106 1/4-3/4
23	:---	---	---	:104 1/2	102	102	102 1/2-3/4	:106 3/4	104 3/4	104 3/4	105	105
24	:---	---	---	:103 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	:106 1/4	105	105	105 1/4	105 1/4
25	:---	---	---	:102	98 1/2	98 1/2	99-99 1/4	:105	101 1/4	101 1/4	101 1/2-3/4	101 1/2-3/4
Saturday:												
Sunday :												
28	:---	---	---	:101 7/8	99 1/2	99 1/2	100 3/8-1/2	:104 1/2	101	101	103 1/4	103 1/4
29	:---	---	---	:104	100	100	103 3/4-04	:105 1/4	102 3/4	102 3/4	105-05 1/4	105-05 1/4
30	:---	---	---	:104 1/2	101 5/8	101 5/8	103 3/4-04	:106 3/4	103 3/4	103 3/4	105 1/2-3/4	105 1/2-3/4
31	:---	---	---	:103 3/4	102	102	103-03 1/4	:106	104 3/8	104 3/8	105-05 1/4	105-05 1/4

Table 24. GRAIN SORGHUMS: Volume of trading, open contracts, all futures and daily closing prices of 1955 May future, Kansas City Board of Trade  
March 1955

Date	Volume of trading		Open contracts		1955 May future
	May	July	May	July	Closing prices
1955 March	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	Cents
1	---	---	19,880	7,280	238 b
2	280	---	19,880	7,280	239
3	---	---	19,880	7,280	239 n
4	---	---	19,880	7,280	239 n
Saturday					
Sunday					
7	---	---	19,880	7,280	235 a
8	1,400	---	19,040	7,280	236
9	560	---	19,040	7,280	237
10	---	---	19,040	7,280	237 a
11	---	---	19,040	7,280	236 a
Saturday					
Sunday					
14	---	---	19,040	7,280	235 a
15	2,520	---	17,360	7,280	233
16	280	---	17,080	7,280	234
17	---	---	17,080	7,280	234 n
18	---	---	17,080	7,280	234 n
Saturday					
Sunday					
21	---	---	17,080	7,280	234 n
22	---	---	17,080	7,280	234 n
23	---	---	17,080	7,280	234 n
24	---	---	17,080	7,280	234 n
25	---	---	17,080	7,280	234 n
Saturday					
Sunday					
28	---	---	17,080	7,280	234 a
29	2,520	---	15,120	7,280	234
30	---	---	15,120	7,280	234 n
31	---	---	15,120	7,280	234 n
Total					
Mar. 1955	7,560	---			
Feb. 1955	17,080	7,280			
Mar. 1954	---	---			





Table 25. SOYBEANS: Volume of trading, Chicago Board of Trade  
March 1955

Date	Future						All futures
	March	May	July	September	November	January	
1955	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
March	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels
1	6,646	7,649	4,517	1,002	942		20,756
2	5,710	8,361	4,164	1,381	965		20,581
3	5,338	10,998	5,425	1,382	806		23,949
4	2,889	7,710	4,186	802	440		16,027
Saturday							
Sunday							
7	3,484	10,928	6,019	940	1,458		22,829
8	2,593	8,902	5,920	1,583	1,560		20,558
9	3,330	9,136	4,985	1,064	898		19,413
10	2,357	8,138	5,735	1,537	1,372		19,139
11	2,713	8,554	4,373	2,024	2,760		20,424
Saturday							
Sunday							
14	2,738	8,321	5,561	1,212	1,474		19,306
15	1,898	8,411	4,767	1,345	1,417		17,838
16	2,276	5,277	2,881	862	1,622		12,918
17	2,380	6,234	5,227	1,035	2,012		16,888
18	4,986	14,388	8,213	2,254	2,452		32,293
Saturday							
Sunday							
21	2,847	10,720	5,479	1,152	1,365		21,563
22	5,697	10,141	4,879	1,270	1,160		23,147
23	---	7,864	4,156	1,256	1,728	151	15,155
24	---	8,981	4,641	783	1,782	724	16,911
25	---	7,848	6,116	1,635	1,439	623	17,661
Saturday							
Sunday							
28	---	10,206	5,876	1,619	2,042	340	20,083
29	---	6,223	5,783	851	1,241	151	14,249
30	---	8,375	6,541	1,424	1,608	230	18,178
31	---	9,597	6,134	1,797	2,210	613	20,351
Total							
Mar., 1955	57,882	202,962	121,578	30,210	34,753	2,832	450,217
Feb., 1955	89,417	145,046	71,307	16,618	13,192	---	335,580
Mar., 1954	35,462	228,319	253,942	96,456	75,748	4,987	694,914

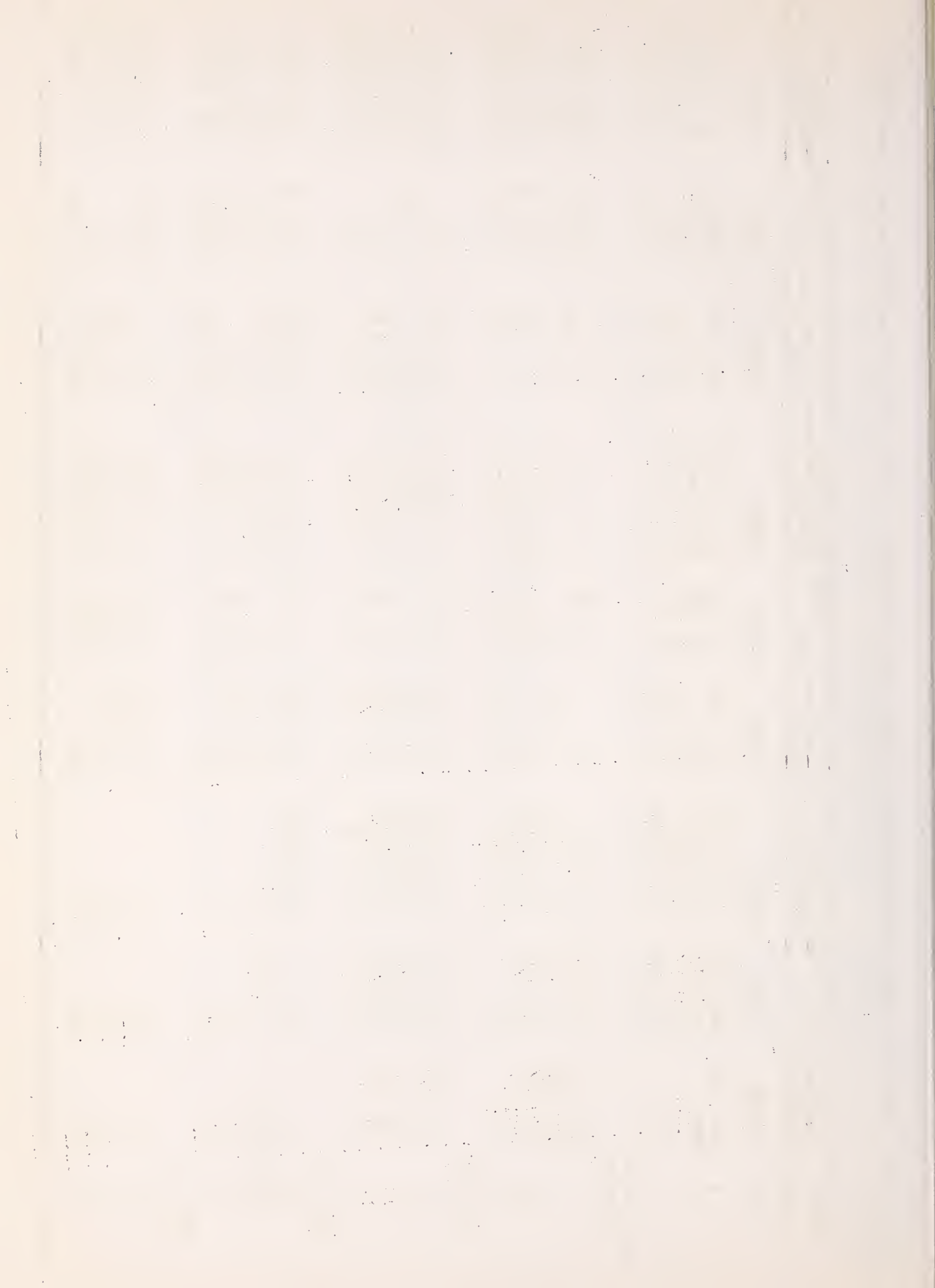
Table 26. SOYBEANS: Open contracts, Chicago Board of Trade  
March 1955

Date	Future						All futures
	March	May	July	September	November	January	
1955	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
March	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels
1	12,559	28,719	20,092	4,848	4,084		70,302
2	11,814	28,859	19,831	5,023	4,211		69,738
3	10,936	28,964	20,196	4,949	4,342		69,387
4	10,508	28,990	20,517	4,936	4,297		69,248
Saturday							
Sunday							
7	10,125	28,818	20,365	4,975	4,475		68,758
8	9,743	28,524	20,470	4,932	4,838		68,507
9	8,950	28,362	20,163	5,005	4,987		67,467
10	8,511	28,600	20,559	5,116	5,322		68,108
11	8,073	28,598	20,569	5,330	5,835		68,405
Saturday							
Sunday							
14	7,692	28,692	20,657	5,274	5,873		68,188
15	7,213	28,668	20,715	5,447	5,926		67,969
16	6,973	28,619	20,805	5,548	6,071		68,016
17	6,375	28,221	21,383	5,564	6,373		67,916
18	4,652	27,752	21,805	5,497	6,498		66,204
Saturday							
Sunday							
21	3,563	28,325	21,637	5,324	6,448		65,297
22	560	28,617	21,361	5,162	6,404		62,104
23	480	28,885	21,176	5,086	6,517	79	62,223
24	330	29,486	21,530	5,051	7,111	703	64,211
25	250	29,260	21,974	5,096	7,300	1,222	65,102
Saturday							
Sunday							
28	250	28,198	21,812	5,338	7,401	1,242	64,241
29	180	28,419	21,973	5,282	7,464	1,241	64,559
30	165	27,718	22,408	5,100	7,676	1,236	64,303
31	---	27,372	22,613	5,293	8,362	1,487	65,127

Table 27. SOYBEANS: High, low and closing prices, three principal futures, Chicago Board of Trade, March 1955

Date	1955 March future			1955 May future			1955 July future		
	:High	Low	Closing	:High	Low	Closing	:High	Low	Closing
1955									
March	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents
1	:267 1/2	263 1/2	266 1/4-3/4	:264 1/4	261 5/8	263 1/4-1/2	:261 1/2	259 1/4	260 1/2-3/4
2	:271	267 1/2	269-69 1/4	:266	263 3/4	263 3/4-64	:263	260 3/4	260 3/4-61
3	:269	266 1/2	266 3/4-67	:263 1/8	260 1/4	260 1/2-3/4	:260 1/2	257	257 1/4-1/2
4	:269	266 1/4	266 1/4-1/2	:262 1/2	260 1/4	260 1/2-61	:259 1/2	256 1/2	256 1/2-57
Saturday:									
Sunday									
7	:269	265 1/2	266 1/4-67	:262	257 3/8	259-59 1/4	:258	252 1/2	254-54 1/2
8	:269 1/2	266 1/2	269-69 1/2	:261 1/4	258 3/8	260 3/4-61	:256 1/2	253 5/8	256-56 1/4
9	:271 3/4	269 1/2	270 1/4-1/2	:264 1/4	262	263 1/4-1/2	:259	257	258
10	:271 1/2	268 3/4	269 1/2-3/4	:265	262 1/2	264 3/4-65	:260 3/4	257 3/4	260 1/2-3/4
11	:271	268	270-70 1/4	:264 3/4	261 1/2	263 1/2-3/4	:260 3/4	256 1/2	258 1/4-1/2
Saturday:									
Sunday									
14	:268 3/4	265 3/4	267 1/4-1/2	:262 1/4	259 1/4	260 1/4-1/2	:257 1/4	254	254 3/4-55
15	:268 1/2	265 1/4	266 1/2-3/4	:261 3/4	258 1/2	260 1/4-1/2	:256	253 1/2	255-55 1/4
16	:268	265 3/4	267 1/4-1/2	:261 7/8	260	261 1/2-7/8	:257	254 3/4	256 3/4-57
17	:267 1/2	265 1/4	266 1/2-3/4	:260 1/2	258 1/2	259-59 1/2	:255 1/2	253	253 1/2-3/4
18	:266	257 1/2	260 1/2-61	:258 1/2	252 1/2	254-54 1/4	:253	248	249 1/4-3/4
Saturday:									
Sunday									
21	:259	256	258 1/4-1/2	:252 3/4	249 7/8	251 3/4-52	:247 3/4	245 1/4	247-47 1/4
22	:264	259 1/4	260-63	:254 1/2	252	252-52 1/4	:249 1/4	246 3/4	247
23	:---	---	---	:255	252 5/8	254 3/4-55	:249	246 1/2	248 3/4-49
24	:---	---	---	:256 3/4	254 1/4	254 3/4-55	:250	247 1/2	247 3/4-48
25	:---	---	---	:255	252 3/4	253 1/4-1/2	:247 3/4	245 1/4	245 1/2-46
Saturday:									
Sunday									
28	:---	---	---	:256 1/4	252 1/2	254 3/4-55	:249	245 1/4	247 1/2-3/4
29	:---	---	---	:255 1/2	253 1/4	253 3/4-54	:248 1/4	245	245 1/2-3/4
30	:---	---	---	:253 3/4	251 1/4	252-52 1/4	:245 1/4	243	243 1/2-3/4
31	:---	---	---	:252	249 3/4	251 1/2-3/4	:245	242 1/4	244 3/4-45







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